Monitoring System for Prevention of Misuse of Central Fund

†1317. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an effective monitoring system to prevent the misuse of the amount allocated to State for Central Schemes;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Under the present decentralised system, release of funds to the State for various central schemes and monitoring of these schemes are carried out by the concerned Central Ministries/Departments. Planning Commission also reviews the implementation of the plans. There is no proposal to change this.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India conducts audit of all funds released to the States and submits reports to the State Legislatures Under Article 151(2) of the constitution.

Refund of Import Duty paid by Essar Group

1318. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express of 12th November, 1999 captioned "Jaithmalani Okays Bonaza, for Essar Group";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Ministry has recommended for refunding import duties paid by Essar Steel in 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) This Ministry had given its legal opinion on the pure questions of law raised by the Department of Revenu (CBEC) on the subject matter. It is, however, for the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue who are administratively concerned with the matter, to take a decision on all questions of fact involved.

Review petitions pending in SC

1319. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of review petitions pending with the Supreme Court, as on date;

(b) whether Government propose to drop review petitions in those cases where the Supreme Court itself has given judgement; and

(c) if so, the time by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The number of review petitions pending with the Supreme Court of India is as follows:

	Admission matters (Actual number of files)	Regular matters
Civil	105	27
Criminal	20	1

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.